

\*\*\*\*\*April 26, 2021\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on April 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Vicki Anderson  
Councilmember Andrew Gardner

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin

Vice Mayor Murdock led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

**Hamilton County Assessor of Property – Marty Haynes**  
Information Regarding Reassessment

Mr. Haynes made a presentation to the Council (copy attached) regarding the re-appraisal of property for 2021 assessments. He explained that, since property values have increased, the assessed tax rate will be reduced to comply with State requirements that the anticipated income will be “revenue neutral”. Mr. Haynes said he expects that, at the end of July, Hamilton County will receive the new certified tax rate from the State.

**Presentation**

Signal Mountain Middle-High School students, Olivia Glover, Grayson Road and Adrian Andreescu, Creekshire Drive, spoke to the Council about placing a crosswalk near Pruett’s Grocery.

**Citizen Comments**

Vice Mayor Murdock asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting proceeded.

**Ordinances**

1. “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-1101 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO GIVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER THE POWER TO HEAR VIOLATIONS OF LOCALLY ADOPTED ZONING CODES.”

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the Ordinance.

2. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-107 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN WATER UTILITY."

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN UPDATED OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN, DEVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM PLAN."

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

### **Discussion**

- a. Stormwater Fees. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained to the Council that many stormwater improvement projects have been undertaken in the last few years. He said there is a need for additional funding to continue with needed improvements to the system. He said that the current fees were set 11 years ago. Mr. Veal will forward information to the Council about the current capital projects plan, the MTAS study and equipment requests.
- b. Website/Email. Special Proj. and Compliance Mgr., Sam Guin, informed the Council that he will be meeting with our current web site provider within the next week or so. He stated that he spoke with IT personnel at the City of Chattanooga. He said they recommended both Gmail and Microsoft mail. Council asked staff to continue investigating options between the products.
- c. Administrative Hearing Officer Position. Council deferred discussion of this item to a future agenda.
- d. Budget Meeting Schedule. Following discussion, Council decided to have the all-day FY 2021-22 Town Manager's Recommended Budget worksession on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Veal will contact the absent Council members to see if this will fit their schedules.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal Informed the Council that he will meet this week with Department Heads on the upcoming FY 2021-22 budget.

Mr. Veal said the Marion/Driver fields project is moving along.

Mr. Veal reported that the pool deck is being renovated but anticipates the pool will open as normal on Memorial Day.

Mr. Veal said the Town is seeking applicants for Gym Attendants.

### **Other Business**

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. Vice Mayor Murdock announced that the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) will open for classes starting this week. She commended the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF) for the work they have done to the building and said they expect to host a re-opening at the end of June.
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Other. Mr. Veal reminded the Council that the next meeting will be in person.

### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the May 10, 2021 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



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Charles Poss, Mayor



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Recorder